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THE BIG ROAD MEETING AT PAINTSVILLE NEXT WEEK WILL BE AN IMPORTANT AFFAIR

Every Public Spirited Citizen is Expected to Attend
and Take Part in This Effort For
Good Roads.

The Big Sandy highway meeting to be held at Paintsville next Monday is intended to be made the beginning of one of the most important enterprises the valley has in prospect.

From present indications the various counties, from Boyd to Pike, are wide awake to the opportunity and its importance. Large delegations are to be present from all the counties. The day has been set apart and made practically a holiday in most of the towns.

Prestonsburg will close her stores and offices to permit business and professional men to attend.

Boyd county will send a special car attached to the train. The Commercial Club and the Rotary Club will be largely represented. A band will accompany them to help do justice to the big affair.

The Lawrence Circuit court, which is due to open that day at Louisa, will not attempt to do any business, but will postpone the opening until Tuesday morning. Judge Ciesco and Attorney Waugh notified us to this effect yesterday.

The road can be built. It is a large proposition, but worthy of the best efforts of all business men in this territory. A strong organization should result from the Paintsville meeting and there should be follow-up plans made that will keep the movement hot.

Congressmen Fields and Langley will do whatever is possible for the enterprise. Just what they can do is problematical, but that can be worked out later. The State authorities are ready to help, and there is much they can do. Then the counties will come along with their part and the thing can be done.

All County Judges and County Attorneys and as many of the magistrates as possible are not only invited but urged to attend. No regular invitations are issued. It is everybody's meeting and all citizens and officials who can possibly attend are duty bound to go.

Mrs. John F. Wade Dies At Hospital

The body of Mrs. John F. Wade was taken to Paintsville Tuesday evening for burial. Her death occurred in a hospital at Portsmouth, Ohio, Monday where she had gone last week to undergo an operation. She had influenza several weeks ago and never entirely recovered.

Mrs. Wade was Miss Frankie Spradlin, of Paintsville. She was 22 years old and is survived by her husband and one little son, John Jr., aged four years. Also, her mother and a sister. She had visited in Louisa and friends and relatives here were shocked and grieved to hear the sad news of her death.

Appropriate funeral services were held on Wednesday afternoon at two o'clock from the home of Mrs. Marcus Davis, a relative.

Mrs. J. L. Carey and daughter, Mrs. C. L. Miller and children and J. G. Burns of this city, attended the funeral.

PRESIDENT WILSON ACHIEVES WONDERS

Paris, Jan. 31.—With only a fortnight remaining before President Wilson's return to the United States his achievements are already greater than seemed possible of accomplishment. Even his critics concede that and admit no other man and no man not backed by the influence of America and the sympathy of the people of the world could have performed this task.

Among President Wilson's achievements the following project themselves: First, the division of modern history, marking the division between civilization based on national force and that to be formed on international understanding.

Second, the creation of a League of Nations.

Third, the establishment of the principle of no annexations.

Fourth, the winning of the confidence of all European peoples.

Fifth, the conduct of the Peace Conference in public.

Another triumph of President Wilson is that he has changed the opinion in America concerning the advisability of his presence here. His achievements, which would not have been gained without his personal intervention, have unified America on this point.

COL. SAYS DEAD.

Col. Logan Bays, aged 85, of Hitchens, died of asthma. He was a veteran of the Civil war.

Major Hudgins to Wed Miss Lura Woods

The following from the Huntington Herald-Dispatch is of interest to our readers. Major Hudgins is a grandson of F. R. Moore and wife, of this place. He is a son of Dr. C. L. Hudgins, who died a few years ago at Olive Hill.

One of the prettiest of the war romances in which Huntington and Huntington people have part is a part is to culminate in the immediate future in the marriage at Olive Hill, Ky., of Miss Lura Woods and Major T. F. Hudgins, late of the American Expeditionary force.

Major Hudgins, just discharged from the army, and Miss Woods, left Huntington Saturday for the bride's home at Olive Hill. They had not completed their plans entirely, but friends of Miss Woods say that the wedding will probably take place on Wednesday morning. They will reside in Charleston, where Major Hudgins will resume his position with the Columbia Gas & Electric company.

Major Hudgins, then plain Mr. Hudgins, and Miss Woods were engaged at the beginning of the war. He went to the first officers' training school at Fort Benjamin Harrison and emerged with a captain's commission. He saw 14 months' service in Europe, going abroad soon after his commission was issued.

He was first assigned to duty as a coast artillery officer, but was transferred. He was the first American captain to take a battery to the front. He was a member of the Inter-Allied commission sent to Italy in connection with the anti-aircraft service. It was while on detail in Italy that he received advice of his promotion to the rank of major.

He was never wounded, but was gassed, suffering severely for some time from injuries from which he has fully recovered.

After the departure of her fiancé, Miss Woods determined that it was her duty to enter the ranks of war workers, and with this end in view took a business course. She completed the course and secured a position in Washington. She remained there a short time before coming to Huntington to accept a position with the Huntington Paper and Woodware company. During her stay here she made her home with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Culton. A highly attractive and interesting personality, she won many friends in the city. Major and Mrs. Hudgins will probably visit Huntington at the close of their honeymoon.

L. F. WELLMAN BUYS SHANNON'S STORE

A business deal of considerable size and importance took place in Louisa a few days ago when E. E. Shannon sold his merchandising business to L. F. Wellman. This is the large store run in the name of the Louisa Furniture & Hardware company. Mr. Shannon will continue in charge of the business until April, reducing the stock as much as possible by that time. The store is then to be moved and Mr. Wellman will take charge.

The musical instrument department is retained by Mr. Shannon, who will continue that line in the Lobar building, which he owns. Also, he will have his real estate office there. His health has been poor of late and he decided to sell out and collect his accounts.

Mr. Wellman is well known as a traveling salesman, in which line he has been quite successful. For the past two or three years he has been on the road for the Lobar and Coca-Cola company, of this place. He is a hustler and is competent to handle the big business which he is taking over.

Nitro Plant Will Be Placed on Market

The \$73,000,000 smokeless powder plant recently completed at Nitro, 14 miles below Charleston, as a war emergency, is not to be retained as a government plant.

Word from the War Department at Washington Tuesday is that a commission, headed by Major Joyce, upon completion of a survey of the government plants at Nitro and Nashville, Tenn., recommended the retention of the Nashville plant.

Lieutenant Colonel D. K. Shurtliff has been commissioned to dispose of the big part of the Nitro plant to private parties.

WOUNDED SOLDIERS RETURN.

Lawrence Petry of Ashland, John M. Nickell of Cannel City, and Macon Frause of Langley were among the forty-eight wounded soldiers who arrived at Camp Taylor Wednesday.

PLENTY OF DOGS IN LAWRENCE COUNTY

County Clerk D. B. Adams has issued 2121 dog licenses and collected \$2222. This is quite a record for Lawrence.

37th Division Will Sail About March 1

Columbus, Ohio, Feb. 1.—According to a telegram received by Adjutant General Roy Layton, the Thirty-seventh Division will not leave France before March 1. The information came from the Chief of the American Staff. Individual officers are on their way home, according to a report, giving rise to stories that the entire division is under way.

General Layton will go to Washington next week to arrange with the War Department for parade of part or all of the division in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Columbus.

He will also seek to have arrangements made for early discharge in the case of men whose release is urgent for personal or business reasons.

Huntington Man Decorated for Bravery

Lieut. J. C. Miller, of Huntington, W. Va., returned on a recent transport, bearing a decoration for particular valor, but he was so modest that the story of his exploits had to be obtained from a comrade.

"At Chateau Thierry," said the comrade, "during a terrific German barrage, the barbed wire protecting the American soldiers practically was destroyed."

"With ten men, Lieut. Miller went forth, in the face of machine gun fire, and strung up 300 feet of wire, escaping injury. Seven of his men were missing. He called for volunteers to get the missing men. Six responded and three of them were killed and three wounded in the attempt. Venturing into No. Man's Land himself, Lieut. Miller succeeded in bringing back the seven missing men, protected only by an automatic rifle."

FLOYD COUNTY JAILER CONTEST

Settled by Court of Appeals. Also, Decision in Oil Tax Case.

J. C. Martin, Democrat, was declared legally elected Jailer of Floyd county over C. B. Hall, Republican, at the November election in 1917. Martin received 2,961 votes and Hall 1,941 votes. Hall contested on the grounds that many of the votes cast for Martin were illegal.

The court held that if the votes objected to by Hall were thrown out, Martin would still have a majority and therefore he is legally elected.

In deciding the case of W. S. Raydure against the Board of Supervisors of Estill county, the court held that the production tax paid by oil companies on crude oil is a license tax and was not paid in lieu of a ad valorem tax. The court also held that oil leases are property, but that the Board of Supervisors must not assess them exorbitantly.

Maynard vs. Thompson, Pike; affirmed (Clarke).

MRS. MYRTLE GEORGE BURIED AT FORT GAY

Mrs. Myrtle Ferguson George died Monday of nervous prostration at the home of her brother, Fred Ferguson, in Huntington, and the funeral was held there Wednesday morning. The body was brought to Fort Gay for interment.

Mrs. George was the widow of Fred George and their home was in Ironton, Ohio. She was the daughter of Dr. N. B. Ferguson and is survived by her mother, two brothers, Harry and Fred, and an adopted son.

TWO MEN KILLED BY ELECTRIC CURRENT

Frank D. Selby of Huntington and Harry Wurtz of Ashland, motormen on the Ohio Valley Electric Railway were instantly electrocuted Tuesday morning when they attempted to use a company telephone which was surcharged by the failing of a primary high tension wire carrying 2200 volts onto the ordinary low voltage telephone wire.

The accidents occurred within a few minutes of each other. Selby met his death at the box near Camden Park, Wurtz being killed at the box on Twenty-second street, Ashland.

Frank Selby has been in the employ of the company for four years and has a brother, John Selby, also an Ohio Valley Electric motorman. He leaves a widow and two sons. The mother, Mrs. Jane Selby, three brothers and four sisters are also left. They are: John Selby, Ray Selby of Huntington, William Selby of Cumberland, Md., Mrs. Olive Hall of Catlettsburg, Ky., Mrs. Belle Jarrold of Huntington, Mrs. Lexie Wellman of Kentucky, Mrs. Nan Preston of Lawrence county, Ohio.

Harry Wurtz was a son of ex-Judge Wurtz of Ashland. He leaves a widow and three children.

MR. SHANK IS NOW A TRAVELING SALESMAN

Mr. T. W. Shank has accepted a position as traveling salesman for a mill at Bellefontaine, Ohio, and he entered upon his new duties Monday. He has been miller for the Louisa mill for several years. He is a very competent man and knows the business thoroughly. Mr. and Mrs. Shank have many good friends in Louisa and it is hoped they will retain their residence here.

CITY COUNCIL ASKS FOR PAVING BIDS

REWARD OFFERED FOR EVIDENCE RESULTING IN CONVICTION OF BOOTLEGGERS.

The city council met in regular session Tuesday night with all members present except Dr. Burgess.

Mr. Weber, of the State Roads department, was present with maps and specifications of the paving proposition which was outlined last year, providing for the paving of Lock avenue and as much of the distance to the Lick creek road as the money will pay for. The council adopted the plans and requested Mr. Weber to prepare specifications for three types of pavement and ask for bids on each—concrete, Ky. rock asphalt and Barrett Tarvia. Bids are to be sealed and they will be opened at the city hall Saturday, March 15.

The sewer along Lock avenue is to be relaid and put in proper condition so that work on the paving can be started as soon as the weather will permit.

On account of so much drunkenness and bootlegging the council decided to offer \$25 reward for information leading to the conviction of bootleggers.

There was some discussion of a lively nature regarding the observance of the Sabbath.

Mr. M. S. Burns is Not a Candidate

A suggestion came from Mr. Sterling recently that Mr. M. S. Burns, of Louisa, would make a desirable candidate for Attorney General of Kentucky on the Republican ticket.

He has many friends and all of them would be glad to support him for this high office. In conversation with Mr. Burns about the matter he told the NEWS that he has no political aspirations and that he does not expect to be a candidate for any office.

Wm. Payne Killed In Accident at Neal

Funeral services for Dock Payne, 71, who was killed Sunday afternoon when he became entangled in a pump wheel at the N. & W. station near Neal, Wayne county, were held Tuesday afternoon at the home in Kenova. The widow, one daughter and two sons survive. Payne is said to have had \$100 in bills in his pocket which were destroyed when his body was crushed in the wheel.

Mr. Payne's death is the fourth in his family since October, the others being two of his sons and one grandson.

N. & W. YARDS MAY BE MOVED

REPORT SAYS FORT GAY MAY GET WILLIAMSON'S RAILROAD YARDS.

No new developments have been forthcoming in regard to the moving of the Williamson yards to Fort Gay. While it has been generally understood that the N. & W. railroad has had an option on a large tract of land near Fort Gay for some time, the officials have made no announcement as yet. That the move is being considered cannot be doubted as the conversational undercurrent indicates there is something brewing—Mingo Republican.

The above item is of very great interest to Fort Gay and Louisa people. It is impossible to get any definite information about this matter, but there have been some very significant rumors for quite a while. A change in division points is said to be under consideration. Williamson yards are too small and cannot be enlarged because there is no more level space there. Ft. Gay can give the road ample room for all purposes. Nothing more desirable could come to our sister city than this and we hope it will arrive.

A FALLSBURG STORE CHANGES HANDS

John D. Damron has purchased Mrs. Emma Norris' store at Fallsburg and will take charge of it about March 1. In the meantime he will close out his store at Irad. His son Forrest, who is not yet out of the army, will be interested with him at Fallsburg and the firm name will be F. D. Damron and son.

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FISCAL COURT.

The magistrates were in session this week at Louisa, passing upon the Sheriff's list of delinquent tax payers.

Ashland Woman Gets \$50,000 Alimony

Frankfort, Ky.—The Court of Appeals today decided that Mrs. Ethylwyn B. Kelly, of Ashland, divorced wife of I. Austin Kelly, of New York, formerly of Ashland and Ironton, shall have an alimony \$50,000 or its equivalent. This sum is one third of Kelly's estate.

Reviewing the evidence, the Court says it cannot see why Kelly left his former wife, for although extremely nervous and sometimes given to fits of temper, she was a very devoted wife. Kelly gave as his reason for leaving that their lives were incompatible and that his wife was not polite to his friends.

Soldiers Claims to be Promptly Settled

Washington.—Thousands of claims for additional pay by discharged soldiers whose records were complete at the time they were mustered out, may be settled speedily by the War Department under a ruling today by the Controller of the Treasury to the effect that these claims are to be readjusted without passing through the usual complicated auditing channels. The director of finance of the War Department was authorized to adjust the claims when a construction of the law is not involved and the soldier's right is clearly defined.

SPRING MILLINERY AND COATS AND SUITS

Ladies are invited to call and see our spring millinery and suits and coats. You know it is now fashionable to begin wearing spring hats right now and we have the very latest styles. JUSTICE'S STORE.

LANGLEY IS NO MODEST VIOLET

Wants \$5,000,000 for Paving 5 Roads, and We Hope He Gets It.

Washington.—When it comes to going after "pork" for his district, Representative John W. Langley, of Kentucky is not a "shrinking violet."

He achieved distinction some time ago by introducing bills providing for construction of palatial Government buildings at nearly all towns in his district.

He now proposes that the Government shall cross his district with paved highways, and has introduced a bill appropriating \$5,000,000 for that purpose.

The bill provides that the money shall be expended in building five roads as follows:

Route 1, from Ashland to Jenkins; Route 2, from Mt. Sterling to Fleming; Route 3, from Warfield to Hazel Green; Route 4, from Jackson to London; Route 5, from Hazard to Allen.

—Courier-Journal.

HUNTINGTON WOMAN ARRESTED IN CINCINNATI

"I don't have to steal. What's the use working over the thing?" said a woman who was registered as Mrs. Mattie Irene Neel, 21 years old, Huntington, W. Va., when Private Detective Crim and Ryan arrested her after she left the Mable & Carey Company store, on a charge of stealing a seal-skin coat valued at \$395, two pairs of cuff links, a knife and a pair of scissors.

The woman said her husband is M. J. Neel, formerly of Parkersburg, W. Va., now an oil land owner in Kentucky.

Samuel Getty, manager of the fur department of the store, had followed the woman outside and detained her. She was wearing the coat.

Crim and Ryan said Mrs. Neel had furs and silks worth \$1,500 in her room at a Cincinnati hotel. She said she bought the goods in Chattanooga. She said that her husband came with her to Cincinnati. On the hotel register appeared the names of a couple registered from Lexington, Ky.

COAL PRICES NO LONGER CONTROLLED

All price control exercised by the Fuel Administration over anthracite and bituminous coal and coke ceased February 1st under a blanket order signed by Fuel Administrator Garfield.

Zoning regulations and practically all rules for the distribution of fuel as well as most regulations concerning oil and natural gas, promulgated under the Lever act as war measures, also are rescinded.

Virtually little work for the Fuel Administration remains, but officials said it would continue in operation until peace was formally declared and would keep a close watch on the fuel situation, and if the necessity arises, restore any and all of the regulations which now are rescinded.

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MRS. ANDY SEE DIES SUDDENLY

MOTHER OF FIVE SMALL CHILDREN IS A VICTIM OF INFLUENZA.

A very sad and unexpected occurrence last Saturday night when Mrs. Andy See passed away after an illness of only a few minutes. Mr. See and children had suffered attacks of influenza and Mrs. See had given them every attention. They were improving. Their physician called to see them and while there told Mrs. See that she was really the sickest case of the family and advised her to go to bed. She did not seem to realize her condition, but a little later took his advice. After a few minutes she suddenly became very ill and the doctor, who was only a short distance away from the house, was called, but she was dead when he arrived. Her husband, who had been called home from his employment in Floyd county by the illness of the children, soon took influenza and at the time of Mrs. See's death was unable to be up. Five of her children, three boys and two girls, the youngest only four weeks old, survive.

Mrs. See was before marriage Miss Flora Wilson, of this city, the oldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Wilson. Since her marriage she has lived away from here and they only recently returned to make their home in Louisa. She was a good wife and mother and the family had the sympathy of all in their bereavement.

Mrs. See had been a Christian and consistent member of the Baptist church from girlhood. She was 26 years of age and was married Nov. 24, 1909. She was devoted to her family and especially thoughtful and kind to her parents.

Funeral and burial services were conducted by Rev. J. T. Pope, pastor of the Baptist church. Interment was made in Pine Hill cemetery.

Flowers that arrived too late for the burial were placed on the grave later.

REV. R. F. RICE IS DANGEROUSLY SICK

Rev. French Rice is very ill at his home near Fallsburg. He has dropsy and there is but little hope for his recovery. Being quite old his condition was very much enfeebled before this disease fastened upon him. He is one of the oldest ministers in the Southern Methodist church and continued his labors in that line until a few months ago.

REV. JOHN MARTIN ILL.

"Uncle" John Martin, one of the oldest and most beloved of preachers in the West Virginia Conference, M. E. Church South, is quite sick at his home in Huntington.

LOUISA BOYS IN CASUALTY LIST

The names of Jake Greever and Z. K. Tahnoose (Jack Thompson) appear in the casualty list published by the government this week as slightly wounded. It is almost certain that this report covers the wounds received in the summer or early fall, which were reported privately, and from which they recovered in a short time.

RICHARD F. HEWLETT STILL IN FRANCE

French Hewlett, of Macedonia, W. Va., whose relatives were expecting him home, writes that he will remain in France a while. After writing that he expected to see soon this in his company who all around and well known, were notified that they were needed on duty there for some time.

Mr. Hewlett is one of the number. He considers his present location a much better place to be than the Army's front where they were located during the month of October. While he likes France he very much prefers his native land and will be willing to return home with his regiment.

His address is 1st. Richard F. Hewlett, Co. A, 318 Infantry American E. F. They are now at Amiens, France.

MRS. PARIS GREEN DIES.

Mrs. Lucinda Green, aged 54, died at her home in Ashland early Sunday morning of apoplexy. She leaves her husband, Paris Green, and several children. The body was brought to Lawrence county for interment.

ERNA BURTON WRITES.

Mr. and Mrs. Milt Burton, of Ulysses have received a letter bearing date Jan. 4 from Coblenz, Germany, from their son Erna. This is the first they had heard since October. He states that his health is good and he hopes to return home before a great while. His address is Erna Burton, 187128, Co. B, 1st Pioneer Infantry, A. E. F.

LEAVES FOR CINCINNATI.

Miss Minnie Austin left Thursday for Cincinnati where she goes to take a course in millinery. She will probably spend several weeks there. She will return to Louisa and again have charge of the millinery department in Justice's store.

Quite ill at his home on Upper Blaine. He is a fine young man and his many friends hope for his early recovery.